

List of Current Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 8 (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) A field bus distribution unit for connecting a field bus of process automation technology with a plurality of field devices, comprising:

a field bus; and

a microcontroller, which is connected with said field bus and which serves for transmitting device-specific information of the field devices connected to the distribution unit;

a memory connected to said microcontroller; and

a reader module wherein:

said microcontroller is connected with said reader module for chip-tags.

Claim 10 (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) The field bus distribution unit as claimed in claim [[10]] 9, wherein:

the chip-tags are RFID-tags.

12. (Previously presented) The field bus distribution unit as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

cables which correspond to the chip-tags for connecting the field device to the bus distribution unit, wherein:

device-specific information for the field devices is stored in the chip-tags

13. (Previously presented) The field bus distribution unit as claimed in claim 12, wherein:

the device-specific information includes location information, order code, device history of the corresponding field device.

Claim 14 (Cancelled).

15. (Previously presented) The field bus distribution unit as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

the field bus works according to one of the field bus standards (HART®, Profibus®, Foundation® Fieldbus).

16. (New) A connecting cable for connecting field devices to a field bus, wherein:

a chip-tag is provided on the connecting cable, and device-specific information of the field devices is stored in said chip-tag.

17. (New) A field bus distribution unit for connecting a field bus of process automation technology with a plurality of field devices, comprising:

a field bus;

a microcontroller, which is connected with said field bus and which serves for transmitting device-specific information of the field devices connected to the distribution unit; and

a GPS-module, wherein:

said microcontroller is connected with said GPS-module.